



Continental Detective
Agency

REPORT BOOK

THE OLD MAN'S QUESTIONS

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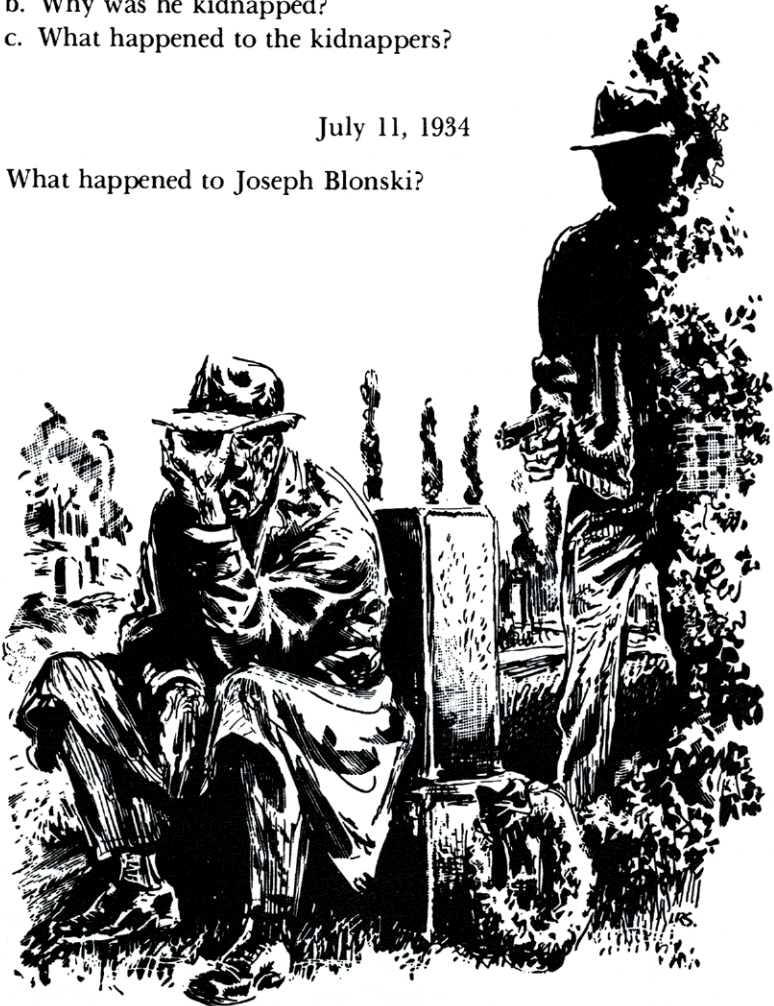
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July 11, 1934

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ANSWERS TO THE OLD MAN'S QUESTIONS

1a. Scott Hayes was killed by two professional hitmen brought in from out of town by gambling and mob concerns headed by J.F. Marias. Although we do not know the identity of the other killer, one was most certainly Alfred Smith of St. Louis. (Alfred Smith is, of course, the man referred to in the anagram "Damer Thilfs.") This can be determined by comparing the ballistics report from the St. Louis murder of Continental Detective agent Red McGee. The reason for Loeb's circumspect treatment of McGee's murder and Smith's disappearance is his well-founded suspicion that Smith (most likely an alias, by the way) is the killer.

1b. Scott Hayes was killed because he would neither sell his horse nor agree to any type of race-fixing.

2a. Howard Black was killed by the same two hitmen who killed Scott Hayes, their intended target.

2b. Black was killed primarily to insure his lack of interference in the murder of Scott Hayes.

3. Roland Jones (a.k.a. Junior Augustine and Ottavio Massimo) played a significant, although non-essential, role in the early morning murders of Scott Hayes and Howard Black. He was in a position to give the killers inside information concerning the habits and schedule of his employer, the layout of the estate, and the surveillance position of Black. This last bit of information enabled the killers to approach Black from his blind spot and kill him before proceeding to the house where they killed Hayes. Jones met with the killers to discuss these plans at the house rented in the name of Opal Kennedy located at 214 28th avenue. His inside knowledge of the plans of Marias and associates led him to gamble on Rainbow's End instead of Sundowner in the Independence Cup race. Despite his gambling losses, the chauffeur was well enough compensated for his role in the murders to quit his job with Bill Hayes.

4. The Lindeman Jewelry Company robbery was pulled by five men. We can determine the identities of four of them. The robbers were the Hero brothers, Stephen and Raymond; Clifford Burke; Aristotle "Pops" Dankworth; and the fifth man who died in the fiery blaze down the Peninsula and was burned beyond recognition.

5. The jewels were taken by the two robbers who were involved in the car chase down the Peninsula. The jewels came into the possession of Billy Kern and Marianne Jorgensson after the scuffle with Pops and the flight from the Sneath Road campsite. They deposited them in a bus terminal locker in San Francisco before hiding out with Pimples Wade. When Pimples realized that the kids had possession of such a valuable cache, he held them against their will in an attempt to gain possession of the jewels for himself. Brad Pirelli was also trying to locate the kids to recover the loot. In the end, Billy and Marianne turned the jewels over to the police and received the reward money.

6. Aristotle "Pops" Dankworth, one of the Lindeman robbers, killed Sam Thacker.

7. Billy Kern had gone camping with his girlfriend Marianne Jorgenson, Bradford Pirelli, Zena Jones, Sam Thacker and Sherry Dillan. On the afternoon of July 4th, a man stumbled into their campsite. He was covered with scratches and was in a weakened and confused state. He threatened the kids with a gun and demanded their car. In the ensuing struggle he shot and killed Sam Thacker. The gun was wrested from him by Brad Pirelli. The man slipped into unconsciousness and died of injuries received earlier.

Pirelli and Billy Kern searched the body and found a bag of jewels. They argued about what to do with the jewels, the dead man and their friend Sam. Pirelli finally took control, bolstered by the possession of the gun, and ordered the rest of the kids into the car and down the mountain. On the way, possibly due to a struggle for the gun, the car overturned. Zena and Sherry died in the crash. Pirelli was thrown clear and knocked unconscious. Billy and Marianne escaped unharmed.

They took the jewels from Brad and walked down to Highway 101 where they caught a ride into town with Victor Belmont of the Hart and Sole Fish Company. He dropped them off at a bus station where they stashed the jewels in a locker. In their panic they decided to go to Pimples Wade, a drug connection, who they thought could help them fence the jewels. When they realized that Pimples would want too much for his help, they refused to reveal where they had hidden the jewels. Pimples then held them against their will at a warehouse on Alabama street with the assistance of Guy Labude. The kids managed to escape early Sunday morning. Persuaded by Billy's aunt Agnes, Billy and Marianne turned the stolen property over to the police.

8a. Sam Lee was killed at the Southern Pacific Depot in San Francisco.

8b. He was killed by a member or members of the rival tong headed by Wu Fang.

8c. The primary objective in the attack on Sam Lee was the theft of the black bag which he carried. Lee had sailed into Seattle on a ship from Shanghai. In Seattle he caught the Rocky Clipper which brought him into San Francisco. We do not know what was in the bag.

9a. Jack Bier was killed by two hired killers from out of town. These were the same hitmen who killed Scott Hayes and Howard Black. A study of the ballistics report shows that the bullet which killed Bier is from one of the two guns used in the July 3rd killings.

9b. The killers were hired by J.J. Roach, the attorney of Frank Mirabelli. With Mirabelli out of the way, he planned to take over the crime operation which he had in large part been controlling already.

10. Doris Driscoll is not dead, and the Tenderloin death was no accident. Doris murdered her twin sister Nora Walsh.

11a. Aloysius "Pimples" Wade was killed by Bradford Pirelli.

11b. Pirelli was trying to locate Billy Kern and Marianne Jorgensson. More significantly, he was trying to locate the jewels which had been stolen from the Lindeman Jewelry Company. He learned from Guy Labude that the kids were with Pimples. Pimples apparently refused to disclose the location of the warehouse where he was holding Billy and Marianne, and the desperate Pirelli killed Pimples with the gun he had taken from the dead man at the campsite.

12a. Jackson de Young was killed by Hal Salsbury.

12b. During his recent visit to New York, de Young had discovered that his records were selling much better than he had been led to believe by Salsbury. This had been confirmed in a letter from Fred Armstrong. De Young realized that Salsbury was probably cheating many other musicians as well. When de Young confronted Salsbury with accusations, Salsbury panicked and devised the elaborate murder scheme which he put into action on the afternoon of July 9.

13. Captain Morris Zeager killed his brother-in-law Warton Usinger and claimed his land inheritance.

14a. Michael Utterback was killed by two toughs known as Fritz and Cosmo.

14b. Utterback was killed in an altercation over an oriental puzzle box. Utterback and Jimmy Lew had been partners in a smuggling scheme. Utterback had acquired, whether by foul means or fair, a valuable gem, the Sapphire of Siam. He enclosed the sapphire in a puzzle box, and shipped it with several other puzzle boxes to the House of Cambodian Arts where Jimmy Lew was employed. However, a few days before the box arrived, Lew was killed in an automobile accident. The box went onto the shelf and was bought by Miss Ellen Pembroke.

The two petty hoods read of Miss Pembroke's puzzle box collection and assumed the boxes were valuable. The night of Miss Pembroke's talk at the Elks Lodge, they broke into her apartment and stole the collection.

When Utterback discovered that his partner had died and the box had been sold, he traced it to Miss Pembroke. He was enraged to discover that it continued to elude his grasp. Using his underworld connections he discovered that the box was in the possession Fritz and Cosmo, and he got word to them that he wanted to set up a buy at the Portals of the Past in Golden Gate Park. Fritz and Cosmo correctly interpreted Utterback's eagerness as evidence of the box's value and decided to double-cross him, taking his money and keeping the box.

The two hoods realized that the Polish tourists had captured their crime on film, and determined to track them down and recover the evidence. The Czygelstreichs misunderstood the repeated demands for the "pictures" to mean the religious tryptych they had brought from Poland. The final irony of this farce of crime occurred when Lt. Joe DaCosta took the puzzle box home for his son, innocent of the role it had played in the deaths of four men.

15a. The two toughs known as Fritz and Cosmo kidnapped Julius Czygelstreich..

15b. He was kidnapped in an attempt to recover a set of snapshots which showed Fritz and Cosmo in the act of killing a man.

15c. The kidnappers met their fate at the windmill in Golden Gate Park. Maria Czygelstreich had purchased a gun after her visit to the Continental Detective Agency. In the confrontation at the windmill she shot and killed Fritz. When the police arrived at the scene they found Fritz dead and Cosmo just regaining consciousness with a gun in his hand. As he pointed the gun at them groggily, the police shot and killed him, writing off the incident as a "falling out among thieves."

16. Joseph Blonski was an innocent casualty along the blood-strewn trail of Fritz and Cosmo. The two crooks traced Juilus Czygelstreich to the Bellevue Hotel. However, when they broke into his room and demanded that he turn over the incriminating snapshots, they discovered a man who neither spoke nor understood English. They found the Polish-speaking janitor, Joseph Blonski, and forced him to help them. When Czygelstreich refused to turn over the "pictures" they decided to kidnap him. Blonski either tried to interfere or was construed as knowing too much. For whatever reason, the ruthless twosome killed the old man.



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